



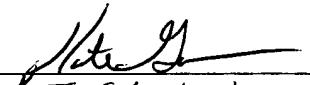
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.:	09/954,763	Group Art Unit:	3731
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.